

WYCOMBE WIN WITH LATE GOALS

Sports Mail Special Report

WYCOMBE Wanderers scored four in the second half against lowly placed Dulwich Hamlet in an Isthmian League game today, winning without reply by the visitors.

Wycombe: Syrett, Lewis, Beck, Pullin, Roystone, Cooper, Worley, Thomas, Gale, Horseman, Bassett.

Dulwich: Bragg, Hammond, Greenan, Merritt, Joyce, Nash, Day, Smith, Dunwoody, Hennessy, Vail.

Referee: Mr. B. Matthews (Caning Town)

Horseman led some early Wycombe attacks but the final shots lacked power and Bragg was in no real trouble.

Back in Wycombe's attack after his injury and taking the place of Paul Hodges, who was getting married, young Dave Bassett was active on the left wing, but the home attacks, although more frequent than the Hamlet's, were poorly sustained.

Wycombe had an escape when Syrett missed the ball as he ran

out to check an advance, but the Dulwich forwards were too slow to exploit the chance.

Bragg did well to block a short range shot from Horseman and then Gale flashed in a drive which only just missed the mark.

Then Wycombe had another escape when Dunwoody, unmarked in front of goal, lobbed the ball against the bar.

Syrett's handling was a little suspect under pressure and he was lucky to scramble away a shot from Smith.

Gale, the Wycombe skipper, at number nine, tried hard with little success to infuse more power into the attack but marksmanship was kept at long range and the defences were generally on top.

Half-time: Wycombe Wanderers 0, Dulwich Hamlet 0.

In a furious assault at the start of the second half, four or five Dulwich men had a smack at goal before Lewis cleared off the goal line.

Then Bragg saved the Hamlet with two brilliant clearances from Horseman.

HORSEMAN AGAIN

But in the 59th minute Horseman, the danger man of the Wycombe forward line, broke through again and left back Greenan, trying to stop him, put the ball into his own net.

Wycombe were much more in the picture now and seven minutes later **THOMAS** increased their lead with a well-taken goal from centre by Bassett.

After a free kick for a foul on Worley, **GALE** added a third.

With the Wanderers monopolising the play a fourth came when right-back Hammond punched out a shot from Bassett and **BECK** scored from the penalty kick.

RESULT:

WYCOMBE W. 4
DULWICH HAMLET 0

WYCOMBE FIND WAY TO GOAL

Wycombe 4 Dulwich H. 0

FOR the first time since they adopted 4-2-4 tactics at the start of the season Wycombe Wanderers found an effective attacking formation in their Isthmian League game against Dulwich Hamlet.

It took them an hour of indecision and missed chances to find their way to goal. And in that time too the Hamlet, during the goalless first half and in a spell of curious assault early in the second, had enough chances to have snatched a winning lead.

Wycombe's backs twice had to clear off the goal-line.

In Wycombe's dilemma of too many defenders and too few marksmen, skipper Charlie Gael, the latest to take over at No. 9, was determined to keep the accent on attack. His persistence paid off in the second half in a 20-minute scoring spree which crushed the Hamlet.

Then, in spite of a gallant defence marshalled by Merritt, who was outstanding at right half, Wycombe romped home with four quick goals.

Horseman, danger man of their attack, worried left-back Greenan into pushing the ball into his own net, and two more goals came quickly from Thomas and Gale.

Beck completed the scoring with a penalty kick after the right-back had punched out a shot from Bassett.